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## LETTER FROM GATES COUNTY.

GATESVILLE, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—The Alliance in this county is in a good condition and progressing. I have had the pleasure to visit several of the Alliances, within the last few weeks. I find the brotherhood very well united and considerable determination among them. The politicians and bosses are trying to lead us into politics by saying if we do not act with them and do just what they say, that we are going to make a third party. Judging from their words and actions, it seems that the farmers and laborers have no thought of their own and should have none. We think we have rights that have been disregarded by the politicians. We have rights which we are determined to maintain. Our principles are paramount to any political party, and we should not sacrifice our principles to hold any party intact. Has not the farmer the right to act for himself? We think we have. But how long will we have that right is a question to be answered in the future. We are organizing for our relief, our safety. What brought about this organization? Monopoly, class legislation and financial depression of the masses of the people. Senator Vance says in his letter that he advised the farmers to organize ten years ago. We know that the Senator had advised the farmers to organize for the promotion of their interest. He says it is a shameful truth that in the enormous growth of the wealth of our country in the last twenty years, the farmers have not proportionately participated.

Gen. Washington said in his farewell address to his friends and fellow-citizens, on the 17th day of September, 1796: "If, in the opinion of the people, the distribution or modification of the constitutional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amendment in the way which the constitution designates. If nothing short of a constitutional amendment will bring the greatly needed relief, then we must have the amendment, notwithstanding the puerile objections of Oates, Mills, Carlisle, Vance, etc., echoed and re-echoed through the partizan and capitalistic press. The Alliance is here; it has come to stay. We have made our demands, let us stand by them like brave, true-hearted men. We have asked nothing wrong, nothing unlawful, nothing unconstitutional. If we cannot get our rights through the present representatives, let us have others.

It is narrated by an ancient historian that on one occasion, when Rome was in great danger and Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus had been made dictator to deliver her from danger, the message of his appointment found him at the plow. Farmers, have we not a man at the plow? Have we



THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGGS.

BROKER (to Farmer).—"Kill that Goose and you'll have all the Eggs at once."

The above picture is a very suggestive one. It first appeared in *Farm Fun*, published at Cincinnati. We obtained the original cut at a considerable expense. The Chicago broker, and other brokers, for that matter, are anxious to have the "goose" killed. If we know our duty to ourselves, we will decline with thanks, as the farmer in the picture above evidently is doing.

not men enough at the plow to deliver the people of this government from this danger?

Brother farmers, let us think for ourselves, act for ourselves and not follow our enemies any longer. Read our papers that are friendly to our cause. If you do not read *THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER*, get it and read it. I want to make this suggestion to those who take *THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER*: If you have a neighbor who does not take *THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER*, go and see him and carry your paper with you. If he cannot read, read it to him. Maybe some one of his family can read, and he will become interested in the paper and very soon he will not be without it. We must spread our literature, our editors and publishers cannot do all. We must help them; it is our cause; it is our duty to defend it.

JOHN BRADY.

## LETTER FROM CHOWAN.

ROCKY HOCK, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—Enclosed find list of 27 subscribers. I am glad to be able to send you this number—wish I could send as many as you deserve. Some of these say they want to see things as we Alliance men observe them, and I hope you may be able to present everything in its true bearing. You can say to your readers and our brethren that the Chowan County Farmers' Alliance is in better condition than ever before. We are fond of our order, of our brethren and of our principles.

We contemplate building a canning factory soon and then a cotton factory. We are securing stock quite rapidly.

At our July meeting at Wardville, we had a splendid treat, viz: A good public speech by Rev. B. B. Williams and picnic.

No new officers except R. I. Seary, President, J. A. Roberts, Vice President, J. B. Johnston, Sergeant-at-Arms, and L. W. Parker on Executive Committee.

Sanguine wishes for our success.

Yours in good faith,

WOOD PRIVOTT.

## NUTS TO CRACK AT THE FARMER'S FIRESIDE.

Press Opinions from Many Sources.

It is a sorry comment upon our government to know that there is no social infamy that is not licensed by it. What is government for, anyway?—*Pacific Union*.

Outside of the United States, about 88 per cent. of all the telegraphs in the world are operated by the governments of the various nations where they are situated.—*Pacific Union*.

The New York *Commercial Advertiser* says the United States Treasury surplus now bears a striking resemblance to a hole in the ground. By the close of Harrison's administration it will look like a bottomless pit with no sides.

Colman's *Rural World* says: Stand by yourselves readers; care for your own; do not be bull dozed against your own sound level-headed judgment. The times of 1890 will be notable in the years to come as those in which the farmers stood for their rights.

Our government can loan money to national banks at 1 per cent, and can talk complacently about letting the U. P. Railroad have money at 2 or 3 per cent. for fifty years, but it cannot entertain for a minute Senator Sanford's bill to loan money to farmers on real estate security. Oh, no, that's unconstitutional.—*Ottawa World*.

Whatever may be said against our representatives in Congress they are great in some things. They may not be doing much for the masses, but when they are needed by the money power to defeat the wishes of the people or to vote for class laws, they get there with both feet every time.—*Bevier (Mo.) Appeal*.

The farmers are realizing that in unity of action there is strength. They propose to be heard in their own behalf in the halls of legislation next winter. In organizing Alliances throughout the country they are not engaged in a mere pastime for pleasure. They have a worthy object in view, a commendable end to attain. Their interests have too long been disre-

garded by the powers that be in this State and a reckoning is at hand. Speed the day when politicians for revenue only shall be made to stand aside and true representatives of the people are called to the front.—*Fort Collins Courier*.

The Bloomfield (Mo) *Vindicator* puts it thus: The farmers want to know why they have been discriminated against, and while they create seven-eighths of the wealth and pay directly and indirectly seven-eighths of the taxes, that they can't borrow \$1 from the government, while the national bankers can borrow \$350,000,000 to loan to the people at 8 to 20 per cent.

Mr. Hayseed may be a little thick headed, but after patiently thinking it over, he can't quite see the justice of legislation which permits the government to lend money to the national banks almost free of interest, and in addition to this permits these same banks, along with its manufacturer and other capitalists, to fleece him of the fruits of his toil, and then to add insult to his injury, he is admonished to be more economical, if he would prosper.

The man that has a mortgage on his home is worth more to old Shylock than the blackest slave was to his master in the days of African slavery. Every hour, every day, must he work to keep the interest paid up, and besides this he must feed and clothe himself and family, pay doctor bills and stand all manner of abuse. Let us burst the bands that bind us down and stand erect like men! Now is the time to work.—*Turner's Emancipator*.

The State Alliance *Toesin* (Lockesburg, Ark.) which is plainly Alliance, with Democratic proclivities, says: "Carlisle opposes the Sub-Treasury plan, and also opposed free coinage of silver. He is as dumb as an oyster on the national banking question, but he is loud in his advocacy of the whisky warehouse plan. The laboring masses of the country can hope for no relief by the help of men of Carlisle's stamp. \* \* \* When Mr. Mills was asked to give his aid and influ-

ence to secure the passage of the Sub-Treasury bill to aid the oppressed farmer, he positively refused to do so, but when the bond holder asked for a premium of \$42,000,000 on his bonds, Mr. Mills hopped up and said yea, verily, my lord, you shall have it. This indicates where Mr. Mills' sympathies are.

*Texas Labor Journal* (San Antonio, Tex.) makes this point: In the early days, the farmers were the men who wrested the government of Texas from the Republicans and placed it in Democratic hands. Then they were "true blue." Now they are "dark lanterns and communists," say the so-called Democratic leaders. But the fact is, the farmers stand now right where he stood then. It is the other fellows who have stolen the party name and decapitated.

There are 34,000,000 persons in the Union engaged in agriculture. Yet with a majority of the population asking for only one measure of relief Congress cannot find time to consider it. There will be a considerable shaking up this fall on this account, and many small Statesmen who regard themselves greater than the people will seek the shades of private life to consider the fallibilities of things terrestrial and the folly of a fellow growing too big for his breeches.—*Alliance Herald*.

"Inconvenient multitude" and "the gang" are two of the expressive phrases employed by lickspittle caterers to plutocracy to show their contempt for those whose toil produces all our wealth. Possibly the future action of the humble toilers will justify the contempt in which "the gang" is now held. But if "the gang" is composed of individuals really worthy of the high dignity of American citizenship it will proceed at the first opportunity to assert its dignity, by mopping up the earth, figuratively speaking, with its contemptible calumniators.—*Ky. State Union*.

If you do not want the sills of your barns and sheds to decay, keep the dirt away from them so they will remain constantly dry.

STATE LECTURER THOS. B. LONG AT GAP CREEK, ASHE COUNTY, N. C., JULY 29, 1890.

VIRGIL, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—On the above date Col. Long put in his appearance at Gap Creek and met quite a crowd of Alliance brethren and citizens of Ashe and Watauga counties, and allow me to say right here Bro. Long gave us a good mess of meat in due season and it was not spoiled meat, either. We all just swallowed it down and feel that it was good to be there. He showed us plainly the condition we are in and in an eloquent manner showed us that we can better our depressed condition by sticking to the principles of the Alliance. Lay down partizan politics, elect good Alliance men to office who will do what they promise. Suffice it to say we all went home rejoicing in the hope of a better day coming in the near future. We all agree that Bro. Long is the right man in the right place.

Fraternally,

J. H. YOUNCE

## NEW INDUSTRIES.

Enterprises of Various Kinds to be Put in Operation and Things Likely to be Done at an Early Day—*Rip Van Winkle Cannot Stay in the Old North State*.

[Manufacturers' Record.]

Haw River—T. M. Holt will, it is reported, erect a 50 barrel roller flour mill.

Marion—Messrs. Blanton, Burton & Morgan have, it is reported, started a brick yard.

Winston—It is rumored that the erection of a lumber mill by High Point parties is contemplated.

Monroe—J. T. Helms is organizing the stock company to erect the cotton seed oil mill lately mentioned.

Charlotte—W. E. Holt, J. S. Spencer and J. C. Smith have organized a company to establish a shoe factory.

Fayetteville—The Carolina Roller Mills & Supply Co. has purchased additional machinery for its flour mill.

Weldon—The Roanoke Water Power & Navigation Co. is erecting a grain elevator, as reported in last issue.

Durham—John F. Crowell is president and W. A. Blair secretary of the *Educator* Publishing Co., lately reported.

New Bern—A Northern syndicate is reported as negotiating for the purchase of the Daniel Stimson saw and planing mill.

Durham—Machine shops and a steam laundry are to be built at Trinity College. S. L. Leary, architect, can give particulars.

Oxford—The city will hold an election to decide upon a proposition to issue \$50,000 of bonds for the construction of water works.

Asheville—The Farmers' Alliance has purchased machinery for its canning factory recently mentioned, and will soon commence operations.

Morganton—The Morganton Land & Improvement Co. has recently purchased 70,000 acres of timber land in Western North Carolina and may develop.

Wilmington—The Wilmington Cotton Mills is erecting a building 70x156 feet, as stated in last issue, and has purchased all machinery for enlarging its plant.

Graham—The Oneida Cotton Mill has, it is reported, constructed a 712 foot dam across Haw river, will erect a new larper house and put in new machinery.

Rock—John F. Wyatt, of Salisbury, has purchased the Powles granite mountain and proposes organizing the J. T. Wyatt Granite & Improvement Co. to develop same.

Burke County—E. Conradi, agent for an English syndicate that owns a large tract of mineral land, is at Morganton, and is reported as arranging for the development of the property.

Winston—An English syndicate is reported as negotiating for the purchase of mineral land in Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes and Watauga counties, with a view to the erection of smelting works in Winston.

Charlotte—The Richmond & Danville Railroad (office, Richmond, Va.) intends building additional machine shops and will probably locate one of them in Charlotte. The company has purchased a large tract of land, which is probably intended for a site.